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SUBJECT: SALE OF HEAVY DUTY TRUCKS FOR USE BY LIBYAN
MILITARY

1. IN LATE FEBRUARY, OSHKOSH TRUCK COMPANY INFORMED DEPARTMENT OF INTENTION TO SELL SOME 400 HEAVY OFF-THE-ROAD TRUCK TRACTORS TO THE LIBYAN MILITARY FOR PURPOSE OF MOVING SOVIET-BUILT TANKS ON FRENCH BUILT TANK TRANSPORTERS.
2. WITH VIEW TO BLOCKING SALE, DEPARTMENT REQUESTED USDOC FURTHER TO RESTRICT EXPORT OF U.S. EQUIPMENT TO LIBYAN MILITARY FORCES BY PLACING SOME GENERAL LICENSE ITEMS (SUCH AS TRUCKS UNDER CONSIDERATION) UNDER VALIDATED LICENSE CONTROL. USDOC FURTHER INFORMED THAT DEPARTMENT WOULD RE-

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COMMEND AGAINST ISSUANCE OF VALIDATED EXPORT LICENSE FOR
PROPOSED OSHKOSH DEAL.

3. SUBSEQUENTLY, CONGRESSMAN STEIGER OF WISCONSIN HAS REQUESTED A REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT'S POSITION. THIS REVIEW PRESENTLY IS IN PROGRESS.

4. MEANTIME, FIRST SHIPMENT OF TRUCKS WAS TO HAVE LEFT
U.S. ON ABOUT APRIL 22. WE DO NOT HAVE CONFIRMATION THAT
THIS TRANSPIRED.

5. ABOVE IS FOR POSTS' INFORMATION AND USE SHOULD
MATTER BE RAISED BY HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. EGYPTIAN
EMBASSY IS AWARE OF CASE. CHRISTOPHER

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